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FILING DATE: August 7, 2001 ART UNIT: 1646
FOR: METHOD COMPRISING THE USE OF HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-11
RECEPTOR PROTEINS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (1 pg); and,
2. Return Post Card.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 22058-516DIV CON. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please insert the following on line 2, after the title:

-- RELATED APPLICATION

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 This application is a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of U.S.S.N. 09/151,102 filed 09/10/1998 PAT 6,274,547 which is a division of U.S.S.N. 08/929,846 filed 09/15/1997, ~~now 4,5, Pat No 6,350,855~~ which is a division of U.S.S.N. 08/663,584 filed 06/14/1996, which ~~claims priority to~~ 08/362,304 filed 12/22/1994, ~~now abandoned~~ incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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